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## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade BAND in PARADE

The Grape and Wine Festival parade was the longest in Festival history. It lasted three hours Sept. 18 and began at the high school, finished at the middle school, and was seen by a record crowd.

Included in the parade were bands from all different towns in Michigan. Pictured above is our middle school band, led by Mr. D'Arcangeles.

The most exciting part of the parade according to this reporter was the convertible car carrying, are you ready, a real live lion and bear. As this reporter went across the street to get a better view, a woman screamed. It was funny. Some kids tried touching the animals but the men in the car wouldn't let them. The bear didn't even have a muzzle on. He and the lion were just sitting there in the car in downtown Paw Paw.

The parade also included baton twirlers, girl schouts, and horses.

When the parade ended, the traffic cleared and the crowds left. Another good Grape Festival parade was over.

## Grape Juice Jenny N. galore!

The Grape Stomp, pictured at the right, took place by the police post down by Maple Lake. They had two barrels and two people would get into them. You stomped for 30 seconds. Then they measured the juice in a container. The winner was announced by Chuck Counterman and given a ribbon for producing the most juice.

by Mary L.

## Arts & Crafts at the Festival

The arts and crafts displays at the Wine Festival varied greatly. In various groups, there were such things as jewelry, pictures, leather goods, glassware, plants, macrame, and so forth.

After interviewing several people we found that their ideas were mainly the same. Many stated that they liked to see the kids participating. They also said that it was the nicest, most organized Festival in a long time. The people were kind which helps make the Grape Festival the big success it is.

C.B. and P.D.

## THE GOOD-TIMERS BEGIN

The staff of the Good Times began work September 8. They meet at 2:25 on Wednesdays in room 103. Anyone who wishes to join may do so.

Senior reporters: Russ Hoffmann, Dave Dean, Mike Marcelletti, Judy Hysell, and Darrin Nagy

Photographers: Shawn Thompson, Mike Markus, Darrin Nagy

News Staff: John Shafer, Kurt Lucas, Vince Rogers, Carl Erickson, Rich Carlsen, Ed McKee, Kyle Caldwell, Darrell Sager, Jenny Nondorf, Mary Schauer, Mary LeBlanc, Cheryl Berry, Pam DePierre, Debbie Futrell, Brenda Danger, Denise Bricker, Carol Dundon, Bob Nondorf, Nita Ricketson, Frank Kissel, Jana Preston, Debbie Barnes and Lorna Harrison.

## CHUCKLES

How do you get four giraffes in a V.W.?

"Two in the front and two in the back."

How do you get four elephants in a V.W.?

"Two in the front? Two in the back?"

You can't. The giraffes are already there





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Welcome Back, to that same old place?...

Another school year is well under way and with it, the first issue of the Good Times emerges. We welcome your support. If you have stories, poems, comments or opinions to share with us, with the whole school, please drop them off in room 103 any time, or ask your English teacher to give them to Ms. Ruggles. Hope to hear from you and to have you as part of our reading audience.  
The staff

## Playground CHANGES

We have more new playground items this year. The school, however, could still use a bit more according to some of the students who pleased by the improvements but hopeful that other equipment might be added. Bob Nondorf writes the following:

The school should have more playground equipment, such as a bigger basketball court. We really don't need swings and monkey bars since we are more mature. It would be nice to have a sign-out procedure for basketballs. Not everyone can bring his own basketball. I feel this is a good idea. Although you may not agree we should at least think about this.

Thank you for "listening."

What has been <sup>B.N.</sup> added

What is new on the playground? This year two new basketball courts were added, five new benches, two new railings on the steps from the playground and new cemented play areas were added. I think the Middle School likes the improvements very much. (I know I do.)  
N.R.

## LETTERS from READERS

Dear Editor:

I feel that Band members are pushed too hard in social studies. We have tests almost every week and homework every day. Now nobody has extra time at home or at school. I think we should do something about it.

Lucy Ziolo

## How I SPENT MY SUMMER VACATION

Ring! And it's all over. School is out. The next morning I woke up with a root beer float hangover. Fortunately it didn't last that long.

That first day I went swimming in fear of

sharks, just as I always have since I saw Jaws last year. Those sharks nearly got me thousands of times last summer.

I also had dreams of a land shark eating certain teachers but alas they were but dreams. Sigh.

I went out on trips where we always seemed to run out of gas five miles past the Last Chance gas station.

And the reading I did! I read so much that I have nothing to read for school book reports.

All in all, it was a good summer. It's a shame it had to end so soon.

M. Marcelletti

## FACULTY SPOTLIGHT -

Mr. Lutz is 26 years old. He is married and has two children. His full name is Eric R. Lutz. He has a bachelor of science degree. His zodiac sign is Capricorn and his hobbies are camping and gardening. The subjects he has taught before are 6th grade math and 6th grade science.

Favorite color: orange

Favorite animal: 6th graders

Favorite food : shrimp

Favorite song: "Afternoon Delight"

Favorite male singer: John Denver

Favorite female singer: Carly Simon

Favorite sport: fishing and track

Favorite subject: science (what else?)

## Focusing on our VALUES

Citizenship is a new class this year. Every student will have six weeks of citizenship and values clarification. Mr. Erickson is teaching the course. The class will do a lot of talking to discover goals. While talking about themselves, students will learn to face problems and decisions from a new view point. Behavior is very important in this class since all our life decisions are based on our thoughts, opinions, and actions which is behavior.

The class uses discussion and film strips to try to make the class relevant to real things that go on in students' lives.  
J. Hysell

## Middle School Gets "Healthy"

Health is another new course this year. It meets for six weeks each semester and is being taught by Mrs. Mahanty, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Kannegieter. All middle school students will be taking health. The purpose of the class is to help students acquire facts and knowledge that will help them make decisions which affect their own health and well-being. This first semester students will be introduced to personal hygiene, nutrition, and dental health.

## FACULTY SPOTLIGHT -

A couple weeks ago, another intrepid reporter interviewed Mr. Watterworth. Mr. Watterworth was born Nov. 16, 1939, Lubec, Maine. He has two brothers who are older than he is. Their names are Don and Bill.

Mr. Watterworth went to Texas and served in the army for two years. He taught a math class in Saginaw for awhile. Now he teaches an eighth grade U.S. History class, four seventh grade math classes, and a seventh grade social studies class. He loves math. When he was in school, his favorite class was math.

He lives in Paw Paw with his wife and three children, Pam, 10, Greg, 6, and Kelly, 2. by R.C.

## Magic Show Success

The third annual Grape and Wine Festival magic show was a hit. The Paw Paw Magic Club says that about 175 people came, raising almost \$165.

Harry Swartout, past president and founder of the club, was presented a plaque praising him.

Included in the variety of tricks: Out of my Hat, a rabbit that does tricks, Square Circle, a production act, Acrobatic Silks, a yellow scarf jumps around a rod, and Farmer and the Witch, a small play where two actors change places.

Appearing in the schedule were Kurt Lucas, Jun Kelley, Scott Burnham, Bernard Rizzo, Alley Ben, and Rondell.

If you weren't fortunate enough to catch this show, there's another chance coming up Halloween night. The Halloween Magic Show will be held at 8:00. Tickets will be 50¢ for children and \$1.00

for adults.

by K.L.

## Writing Class New This Year

Writing Lab is another new six week course offered this year for the entire school. Taught by Mrs. Pfister and Mrs. Baker, the purpose of the course is to teach students how to be better writers. Students will work independently on individual projects, worksheets, term papers, journals, handwriting, spelling, grammar, and organizational and research skills.

by J.H.

## Many Choose to be the Oldest... Read on -

Roving reporters covered the halls and classrooms this last week to find out what students think about their position or rather the ideal position in the family. They were asked, "If you could choose, would you rather be the oldest, the youngest or the middle child in a family?" They were also asked why they felt that way.

Ms. Lundquist: "would rather be youngest because she is."

Lynn Smith "would rather be older to have more responsibility."

Denise Bricker would rather "be the youngest and have no work."

Mike Marcelletti says he'd "rather be a middle child because you are considered average; you're not overprotected or underprotected."

Mary Lou Cox would rather be youngest "because you get anything you want."

Lorie Gregg would rather be youngest "because you get babied."

Mike Jurgenson would "rather be the middle child because I would have somebody older than me so I could look upon them for help instead of my parents all the time."

Shawn Jurgenson, on the other hand, would rather be "the oldest so I could beat-up my younger brothers and sisters." Is that something to aspire to?

Tom Mulrenin thinks he'd rather be "the oldest then I wouldn't have five older sisters."

Peggy Burchard would rather "be the oldest then I would get to do more things."

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Roving reporters' and the replies to the question "Would you rather be oldest, youngest, or middle child?" continued-

Dale Ricketson would rather be " the oldest because you get to do more things and stay out later."

Mrs. Dykema would "rather be the youngest because you know what to expect from your parents since you watched your older brothers and sisters."

Mr. Topp would prefer "to be the oldest because you're wiser."

Diane Walski would like to be " the oldest because I could do anything I want and boss my brothers and sisters around."

Lucy Ziolo would rather be the "oldest so I wouldn't have to look up to anybody."

Brenda Wrona would rather be the oldest because " I could do more stuff."

Jeff Strong wasn't really sure but he guessed" the oldest since I've never been anything else."

Melissa Barnes wasn't too sure either but thought " the middle I guess."

Ann Kruse was sure. She'd like to be "the oldest so I could boss my brothers around."

Mr. Barnes would rather be the oldest as would Mr. Edinger "because you're the wisest."

Gay Burchard would rather be " the oldest then I would get more things like clothes and shoes."

Brian Coskey would rather be "the oldest because I wouldn't be pushed around by the younger brothers and sisters."

His opinion was echoed almost word for word by Mike Coskey. Hmmm.

Nancy Markus thinks being the "oldest would be best. I'd get to do more."

Debbie Terrell would rather be the youngest "because if the middle child picked on me, the oldest would stick up for me."

Kyle Caldwell would not only like to be the oldest, he'd like to be the largest as well. His reason? "I'd get more privileges and I wouldn't get picked on."

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MORE still of the discussion on position in the family.

Carlo Erickson likes to be the middle child "because I could not be bossed around like the oldest and the youngest child."

Edl McKee would rather "be the middle because I could get more places and do more things."

Russ Hoffmann would rather be " the only child and get more attention."

Mary LeBlanc would like to be " the oldest so I could stay up late at night."

Cheryl Berry "would rather be the oldest child so that I would be the first to drive."

Pam DePierre would like to "be the oldest so I could be the first to do everything."

Dave Dean would like to "be the oldest. That way I can baby sit the neighbors and pop them once in a while."

Kurt Lucas "would like to be the oldest so I could pick on my younger brothers and sisters."

Ms. Ruggles " preferred being the oldest except when it came to babysitting on Saturday nights."

Nita Ricketson would like to be the "oldest so I wouldn't be bossed around."

There you have it. If we missed your opinion, please drop us a note and leave it with Ms. Ruggles in room 103.

## P.E. - Boys, 8th & 6th gr., Play Soccer

The boys' gym classes are low in number this six weeks, with just one eighth grade class and one sixth grade class.

The sixth graders started the year with soccer unit and now are working on volleyball skills. Athletically, they seem to be a good class, according to Mr. Kannegieter.

The eighth graders started the year with the P.E. test which saw Scott Terry earn top spot in four events on his way to being high point man for his class.

As an extension of the P.E. class, the sixth grade class will play the eighth grade in a soccer game at Tyler Field.

## More laughter...

How can you tell there's been an elephant in the refrigerator? - You see his footprints in the jello.

Don't Miss the Paw Paw vs. Plainwell game tonight!

Next home game, Oct. 15, P.P. vs. Allen. BE THERE!